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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.312(a)**

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS AMENDMENT.

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 29, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the above identified application.

In the Drawings:

Please enter new FIGS. 5 and 6 into the drawings, presently on file. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of all of the requested drawing amendment(s) at this time.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [030], [032], [047] and [049] of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

[030] Fig. 4 is a shift scheme for the multi-stage transmission according to the invention, as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3; ❖

Fig. 5 is a schematic view of a further embodiment of a multi-stage transmission according to the invention; and ❖

Fig. 6 is a schematic view of a still further embodiment of a multi-stage transmission according to the invention. ❖

[042] According to the invention, as shown in Fig. 5, at any suitable point in the multi-stage transmission, an additional freewheel(s) 20 can be provided, for example between a shaft and the housing or in order to divide or to connect a shaft. ❖

[047] In a further embodiment of the invention (not illustrated), a wear-free brake can be arranged on any shaft, preferably in the drive input shaft or the drive output shaft, and this is of particular importance especially for use in goods vehicles. An auxiliary drive output 22 can also be provided on any shaft for driving an additional aggregate(s) 24, as shown in Fig. 5. ❖

[049] A further advantage of the multi-stage transmission proposed here and shown in Fig. 6 is that an electric machine can be connected to any shaft as a generator and/or as an additional drive. ❖